

News Release

DeSoto & Boyer Chute National Wildlife Refuges Visitor Services

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DeSoto National Wildlife Refuge Closes a Portion of Refuge Roads During the Fall and Spring Waterfowl Migration

Missouri Valley, Iowa – DeSoto National Wildlife Refuge will temporarily close a portion of the refuge roads to public use during the fall and spring waterfowl migration season. This includes the south entrance gate, as well as the south and eastside of the loop road. *The road closure will be in effect from October 15-April 14.*

The purpose of the road closure is to reduce potential disturbance to waterfowl that use DeSoto Lake and refuge wetlands as a stopover area during the fall and spring migrations. If ice conditions permit, DeSoto Lake will be open to ice fishing on January 2 through the end of February and all public use roads will be reopened. If you have questions, please call the DeSoto National Wildlife Refuge at (712) 642-4121.

An entrance permit is required for all vehicles on days other than fee free days. The regular daily entrance fee for private vehicles is \$3.00. Permits may be obtained at the pay stations near the entrances or at the Visitor Center. The charge for commercial vans and buses is \$20, or \$30 if 21 or more people are aboard. Annual permits, including the \$15 DeSoto Refuge Pass, can be obtained at the visitor center.

DeSoto & Boyer Chute National Wildlife Refuges are located north of Omaha, Nebraska along on U.S. Highway 30 between Missouri Valley, Iowa and along U.S. Highway 75 near Ft. Calhoun, Nebraska. For more information contact 712/388-4800 or email the refuge at desoto@fws.gov. Check our websites, www.fws.gov/refuge/desoto/ or www.fws.gov/refuge/boyer_chute/, for refuge updates. Like us on Facebook - search for DeSoto and Boyer Chute National Wildlife Refuges.

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